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A2 --8. (amended) A device for connecting at least two lengths of trunking, including a plate for joining backs of base sections of said trunking, said plate having on each of its edges adjacent cut edges of said trunking base sections longitudinal tongues adapted to bear on two opposite faces of each back, which tongues are substantially plane, have a thickness from about 0.2 mm to about 1 mm, and are adapted to bear elastically against said opposite faces of said back,

wherein said plate is plane and has at least two transverse ends adapted to be placed adjacent two cut edges of two lengths of trunking, and

wherein said plate carries on its top face a pillar with an orifice through it that opens onto the bottom face of said plate, said orifice forming a passage for a fixing member for fixing said plate to a wall supporting it.--

A3 Sub B1 --10. (amended) The device claimed in claim 9, wherein said trunking base sections have lateral flanges and wherein said tongues are adapted to bear elastically on opposite faces of said backs and said lateral flanges of said trunking base sections.--

Add the following new claims.

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--14. A device for connecting two lengths of trunking,
the device comprising:

a plate having a flat rear surface arranged and adapted to bear against a support, a top surface opposite said flat rear surface, and two edges that are each arranged and adapted to bear against an edge of a different one of the two lengths of trunking when backs of the two lengths of trunking bear against the support;

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each of said two edges having at least one flat bottom tongue that extends beyond the respective one of said edges in a plane parallel to said plate, said bottom tongue being attached to said rear surface of said plate and having a flat bottom that is spaced from said rear surface of said plate by a thickness of said bottom tongue and a flat top that is substantially coplanar with said rear surface of said plate, said flat bottom of said bottom tongue being arranged and adapted to bear against the support and said flat top of said bottom tongue being arranged and adapted to bear against the back of the respective length of trunking; and

each of said two edges having at least one top tongue that extends beyond the respective one of said edges in a plane parallel to said plate, said top tongue being attached to said top surface of said plate and having a bottom that conforms to